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# "My 2 Cents"

**Mitch Ernst**
**President / Editor**

*"Mosquitoes remind us that we are not as high up on the food chain as we think"*
- Tom Wilson (American writer, actor, comedian)

OK, OK, it's summer and between the heat, humidity and the mosquitoes, we all start thinking winter isn't so bad after all. One thing Summer does give us, is an opportunity to go on vacation. And it was a vacation, mine, that has pushed back the release of this issue of the Journal. My family and I traveled to Wyoming and Colorado to visit relatives and for Samuel and I to attend Summer Seminar at the ANA. It was a nice respite, but now it's time to put my nose back to the numismatic grindstone.

We have three exciting numismatic events happening here in Nebraska during the timeframe of this issue. Omaha Coin Club holds it's 54th Annual Show on August 3rd, Larry Gibbs holds his 7th Annual Show out in Gering on September 14th and Lincoln Numismatic Society holds it's 6th Annual show on September 22nd. Details on all three of these events can be found as you read on through the pages of this issue.

Pages 6 thru 9 hold a pictorial review of Fremont Coin Club's hosting of the NNA Show/Convention. What a weekend it was and I hope the pictures bring back good memories for you as well. On a related note, Patrick Milliken shares his experience organizing, running and calling the YN Auction that was held Saturday afternoon during the convention. What a time!!! You can read Patrick's perspective on pages 19 thru 25.

The American Numismatic Association has chosen yet an-

other new Executive Director, Kim Kiick. I had the opportunity to not only meet but visit with Kim at Summer Seminar. She's been with the organization for 25 years and so she knows what she's getting into. I also had the opportunity to visit with a number of friends during my week in Colorado Springs and I can report there is a general feeling of good will about Kim's appointment. After the problems the ANA has had with finding and keeping previous executive directors, all we can do is wish both the ANA and Kim all the best. Details are on pages 11 thru 13.

Central States Numismatic Society is holding one if it's Educational Seminars in Wichita, KS this fall. These are wonderful events and if you have the time and or inclination, I'd encourage you to register and attend. Details and a registration form can be found on pages 15 thru 18.

Also, the NNA has been presented with an unique opportunity to make some money. Go to page 26 to see how bidding on auction lots can support the NNA.

So, be careful out there and don't let the mosquitoes get the best of you. If you're going to get bitten by a bug, why not let it be the collecting kind? Get out of the line of fire and stop in at a coin shop or a coin show? If you do, I hope to get the opportunity meet you at any of the many upcoming shows as I hope to be able to set up a NNA table so I can share what this fine organization has to offer with collectors around the state.

Stay Cool!

-Mitch

Upcoming

# Shows and Events

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# Show Scrapbook
## NNA Show & Convention
## Hosted by the Fremont Coin Club
## Fremont, NE May 3rd, 4th & 5th 2013

The Fremont Coin Club hosted the 54th Annual NNA Show and Convention during their annual show held May 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Fremont City Auditorium. Show Chairman Bob Missel and a group of club volunteers helped to make the show a success. The NNA would like to thank the Fremont Coin Club for their hospitality and hard work in making this years NNA Show a success.

FCC kicked off the convention weekend by holding an auction.

The bourse was busy all weekend keeping both dealers and customers happy!

(Left) Show Chairman, Bob Missel of Fremont kept the show running like a well oiled machine

Ed Bishop of Fremont, shows customers some interesting items from his inventory

A busy weekend of buying and selling made the trip from Omaha worthwhile for Ryan Pravecek and Jen Geranis

A busy bourse made the trip for show Regulars like Bjorn Bergstrom from Kearney (left), and John Jackson from Sioux City, Iowa (below)

Wayne Hohndorf and his daughter Shannon enjoyed a father, daughter day at the show.

YN's, their parents and volunteers enjoyed the YN auction called by NNA 1st VP Patrick Milliken

Durham museum curator, Carrie Wieners, shared with the attendees of the NNA Dinner, "The Hidden Treasures of the Byron Reed Collection".

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# Veteran ANA Employee Kim Kiick Named Executive Director

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Kim Kiick, a long-time senior manager and Director of Operations at the American Numismatic Association, has been named the Association's new executive director, replacing Jeff Shevlin, whose contract was not renewed by the ANA Board of Governors.

Kiick, who began her ANA career in 1982, supervised day-to-day operations as interim executive director from August 2011 through June 2012. She previously served as executive assistant to Executive Director Edward C. Rochette, Associate Executive Director of Operations, Membership and IT Operations Manager and Senior Administrative Manager.

"Kim has been an exemplary employee of the ANA for more than 30 years, and has been very effective in a leadership capacity for the past several years," said ANA President Tom Hallenbeck. "I strongly believe that the leader the ANA has searched for during the past few years has been on staff all along. Kim is well respected by ANA staff, the Board of Governors and by virtually every member of the Association who has met her.

"She brings a valued perspective that only a seasoned em-

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ployee can have, and has repeatedly demonstrated her leadership skills over the past several years," said Hallenbeck. "Her experience includes working closely with eight different Boards over the past 15 years. She knows the organization inside and out and understands the Association's educational mission."

Kiick will assume her new responsibilities immediately. "My goal is to work with the Board of Governors and our membership to build excitement for our hobby and ensure the growth and health of our Association," she said. "In 31 years, I've seen the best and worst of times and I hope the next few years will allow us to celebrate our collective successes. We need to embrace our member and dealer communities to assist us in preserving and growing the hobby and our Association."

Hallenbeck emphasized that Kiick's selection provides for a smooth transition with no disruption of ANA services and programs to collectors and dealers. "The New Orleans National Money Show, Summer Seminar, work on the new website, major projects in the ANA Library and Museum plus all the other excellent services and programs provided to members and nonmembers for the betterment of the hobby are moving forward as planned," he said.

Hallenbeck also said the ANA is retaining Unlimited Potential, a Colorado Springs-based management consultant firm, to work with the Executive Director, Board of Governors and staff to increase the effectiveness of each and to improve communications and leadership skills.

Unlimited Potential President Beth Papiano outlined sev-

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eral deliverables to include, among other things:

· Helping the new Executive Director understand her role as well as the Board's expectations; · Working with the outgoing and incoming President to define short-term goals and priorities for the Executive Director; · Aligning the new Board, Executive Director and staff on ANA goals and roles and expectations for each in communication, self-assessment, prioritization and staff engagement processes; · Strategic planning, and · Developing organizational structure, skills and support systems to build a work culture that results in high performance and satisfaction.

"As a Board, we believe it is extremely important to create a highly effective team ensuring that the ANA's governors, executive staff and staff are working effectively for the best interests of our members and the hobby," Hallenbeck said. "I believe this commitment to increasing our effectiveness will benefit everyone in the hobby and keep us focused on accomplishing our goals."

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## Fall Central States Educational Seminar Wichita, KS

# Indian Cents, Kansas Bank Notes, Numismatic Education & Standing Liberty Quarters

Experts on national bank notes, Indian Head cents, Standing Liberty quarters and numismatic education will speak at the Central States Numismatic Society's Fall Seminar Oct. 5 in Wichita.

The event, hosted by the Wichita Coin Club, will feature presentations by ANA Vice President Walter Ostromecki, currency researcher Peter Huntoon, cent expert Rick Snow and quarter specialist Jay Cline.

The daylong seminar will be held at the Double Tree at Wichita Airport, 2098 Airport Rd., Wichita.

Ostromecki said he "will be sharing the importance of the little known ANA educational outreach programs, such as Summer Seminar - simply, the best numismatic educational hobby experience period; the traveling Museum and Library Archives Roadshow; Coins in the Classroom; online specialized study courses available to both collectors and non; the club member representative resource program, youth activities to aid youngsters in connecting with the hobby; etc."

*Double Tree at Wichita Airport*

He said he will also share stories about how these programs have benefited and educated collectors and non-collectors and encouraged the next generation of youth and families to make numismatics "their lifelong fun hobby."

Huntoon will talk on Kansas national

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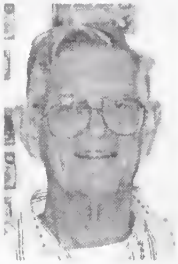

*Cline* *Huntoon* *Ostromecki* *Snow*

bank notes. "Kansas national bank notes are a source of wonder," he said. "Several peculiar things happened with the notes from the state including a bank that moved to another state, a bank in a town that didn't exist, the smallest issuance of currency in the country, towns where the printers could never get the title right on the notes, and more."

Huntoon said he will also bring "a host of images from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing proofs in the National Numismatic Collection so that you can see currently unreported notes from all over Kansas. These will make the mouths of the most die-hard Kansas collectors water. The proofs alone are worth the price of admission."

Because this presentation is being given in Wichita, he said, he has "assembled at least one spectacular image of an issued note or proof of some unforgettable type from every Wichita bank that issued." These will be tied together with contemporary photos showing those banks as they

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Snow, president of Eagle Eye Rare Coins in Tucson, is the author of *A Guide Book of Flying Eagle and Indian Cents* and four attribution guides providing year-by-year coverage of the two coinage series. He is a co-founder of the Fly-In Club and edits its journal, *Longacre's Ledger*. In 2010, he was named the ANA's Numismatist of the Year.

"They (Indian cents) cover a great period of history, from 1859 to 1909 - through the Reconstruction all the way up to Teddy Roosevelt," Snow told the Arizona Star in 2010. "Everybody who lived in the U.S. had an Indian cent in their pocket."

Cline founded J.H. Cline, specializing in Standing Liberty quarters, in 1964. He wrote the definitive reference work on the subject in 1975. The book is now in its fourth edition.

Cline, who started collecting the series in high school, has been fascinated by the 1916-1930 series for almost 50 years. His first purchase was a full-head 1917 Type 1 quarter. The Dayton, OH, dealer charged $7.50 for the piece, a 50 percent premium over a less well-struck one. The dealer, Cline reports, referred to the coin as a "full nipple" piece.

The cost of the seminar, which includes breakfast and lunch, is $10 for Central States members and $20 for non-members, with $10 going toward a one-year membership in the society.

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# YN's Corner

-Patrick Milliken (NNA 1st V.P. / OCC YN Director )

Well, it's that time for another YN Corner!!

A lot has happened in the statewide numismatic world since the last YN corner, six months ago. There was an NNA (Nebraska Numismatic Association) annual state coin show in Fremont on May 4th & 5th, and there were at least two numismatic auctions, one in Fremont, in association with the NNA/Fremont Coin Club show and an auction held at the Lincoln Coin Club meeting, also in may. The Omaha Coin Club hosted it's may dinner and I won two awards, the Numismatic Ambassador Award, presented to me by the Fremont Coin Club and the Nebraska Numismatic Association and the Voulnteer Of The Year award, presented to me by the Omaha Coin Club. I was happy to win both awards and would like to acknowledge that these awards were not won by me alone. The effort that went into both of these awards was a group effort by many folks, each of who deserve these awards on their own merit. I would personally like to thank each and every one of these folks, for, without their volunteered efforts, the activities that I have been involved with would not have gone off anywhere as smoothly as they did, if they did at all, and, without their efforts, I would probably be a gibbering wreck, sitting at my desk attempting to write this column.

That said, I would like to apologize to my readers for not having a column ready for the last NNA Journal. Being involved in so many activities, along with the responsibilities of having a family can spread a person a bit thin, at times. I really needed to take a little time off to recharge my batteries, so I could continue to attempt to be as involved with the coin collecting hobby as I try to be.

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I would like to take the remainder of this column to talk about one of the activities that I was lucky enough to be involved in recently. Through the efforts and a generous donation from the members of the North Platte Coin Club for the purposes of YN education and activities, the NNA was able to do something that had not been done recently and which had not been done, as far as I know, since I became reacquainted with the coin collecting hobby in the 1990's. The NNA was to present an auction for the coin collecting children of the great state of Nebraska. I was lucky in that I was aksed to be in charge of this. I was unsure about how to do even start to do this when I was informed of the generous donation from the North Platte Coin Club. An idea formed in which some of the funds from the donation would be used to acquire items that could be auctioned off to young collectors. Pretty soon, word got out and collectors and dealers started sending in donated items for the auction. Then, I got a call from John Veach of the NNA, that he had a box of YN money from when the NNA had presented YN (Young Numismatists) auctions in the past.

Things were really starting to come together!!

Before I knew it, the idea for how a YN auction would be handled was there. Donated items would be auctioned off, and the bidders would use the YN bucks! No money would be coming out of the YN's pockets! The idea was perfect! As for the auctioneer, I'm a professional auctioneer, and I was more than happy to call the auction. The auction would take place at the NNA's annual show, which was held in Fremont, this year.

The next step was to acquire enough donated items to do a

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proper auction for the YN's and to catalog them. I figured 100 items would be perfect for this auction. As the donated items rolled in, I tried to keep a count of them, but, soon lost track. As the time for the auction drew nearer I started to work on an auction catalog, figuring, I still had time to acquire more items if I needed to and to make the necessary additions to the catalog. Imagine my surprise when I started counting out the items and discovered that I had more than enough for the auction! I was elated! Not only did I have enough items for this auction, but, I had a good head start on items for next year's auction if this one went well. I was gratified to see that there were a lot of really good items, here a Morgan Dollar, there a Walking Liberty Half Dollar, a Mercury Dime, several slabbed coins, a Silver Eagle, a lot of great items. The catalog was soon finished and the items labeled waiting for the big day.

May 4th rolled around and I showed up in Fremont with copies of the auction catalog, cases and items in tow. Imagine my surprise, again, when I found out that Bob Missell, the bourse chairman informed me that he had a room lined up for the auction! I figured I would just rope off a corner of the floor

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and hold the auction there, but, Bob really went above and beyond to get me a room for the auction. I got everything set up and finished counting out the YN Bucks. The YN Bucks were divided up so that every YN that showed up would have the same amount of money to bid with. After that I wandered the bourse floor and talked with several dealers. I also bought a few coins for my own collection. While wandering the floor, several people asked me how the auction preparations were going and to volunteer their services if I could use their help.

The auction was to start at 3:00 in the afternoon and I went back to the room early to make sure everything was ready. Now, an auction usually has at least one auctioneer, a recorder, to record the bids, a clerk to add up the bidders' totals and to take the bidders money (or, in this case, YN Bucks), a ring man or two, who's job it is to spot the bids and to correct the auctioneer if he or she makes a mistake (which I did more than once) and, sometimes, a runner or two, whose job it is to run the items out to the winning bidders. Before the day of the show, I had figured that everyone would be busy at the show, so I intended to attempt to fill the roles of auctioneer, recorder, clerk, ring man, and runner myself (which probably would have been a disaster), so imagine my surprise and gratitude when several club members and friends showed up to help. I will forever be grateful to each and everyone of

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you. John Veach settled into the role of clerk, Gene Fredericks and Pat Myers were the Recorders and Samuel Ernst and one other gentleman who's name I forget (you know who you are) acted as my combination ring men/ runners. I would like to say, again, that this auction would not have happened anywhere near as smoothly as it did without your generous help.

At 3:00, young collectors and their parents started entering the room. We handed each of them a packet of money and their bidder's cards. After a few minutes, the auction began. I was really hoping to have 12 to 15 young collectors bidding at this auction, but, we ended up having a total of 28!! Twenty-eight bidders with their parents and the volunteers helping with the auction made for a packed room. It was amazing! As soon as the auction started, bidders cards were flying up everywhere and they really didn't come down until the auction was over. All I can say is I wish that my regular auctions were attended by such enthusiastic bidders!! After about an hour and forty-five minutes, the last of the 103 items (which included a few last minute additions) had been auctioned off and I was happy to see that everything had been bid on.

I was glad that I would not be taking anything back home with me, but, that just goes to indicate the quality of the

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items that were donated from generous folks from all over the state. Some of the highlights of this auction were over 20 slabbed coins, a one pound bar of copper, a 2012 silver eagle, a 1992 Canada 125th anniversary 13 piece commemorative quarter and dollar set, an 1899-P silver Barber Quarter, a 1923-P silver Mercury Dime, several nice Buffalo Nickels, a 1941 silver Canadian Quarter, a 1986-S Proof Ellis Island/ Statue Of Liberty Half Dollar, a 1971-S Proof 40% Silver Eisenhower Dollar, a 1938-S silver Washington Quarter, a 1932-P silver Washington Quarter, a 1917-P silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar and an 1883-P silver Morgan Dollar.

All in all, this turned out to be a great auction and, thanks to the volunteers and the bidders, a very enjoyable experience. One that I hope the NNA will be able to repeat next year and in the years to come.

As I have stated before, this auction would not have been the success that it was if not for some very generous people who donated their time and items.

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Loren Shimmin and the members of The North Platte Coin Club
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I know that I have forgotton one name and probably several others. Even though you may not appear on this list, your contributions have been no less than anybody else listed here and I would like to offer each and everyone of you my heart-felt thanks. If your name is misspelled, I do apologize and hope that you will forgive any of my errors.

The regular YN corner will resume in the next NNA Journal.

Col. Patrick Milliken, is a professional auctioneer. He is also a fourth generation coin collector and has, himself, been collecting for almost thirty years. He is the YN Director for the Omaha Coin Club and is 1st VP of the NNA. He is also a member of the Sac-Midwest Coin Club. After studying archaeology and anthropology at Baylor University, he earned his degree in History at UNO. He has worked with local museums on several numismatic projects, and is currently running the Omaha Coin Club encased coins program. Patrick lives in Papillion, Nebraska.

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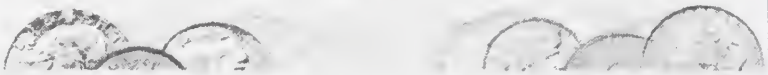

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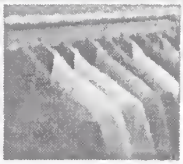

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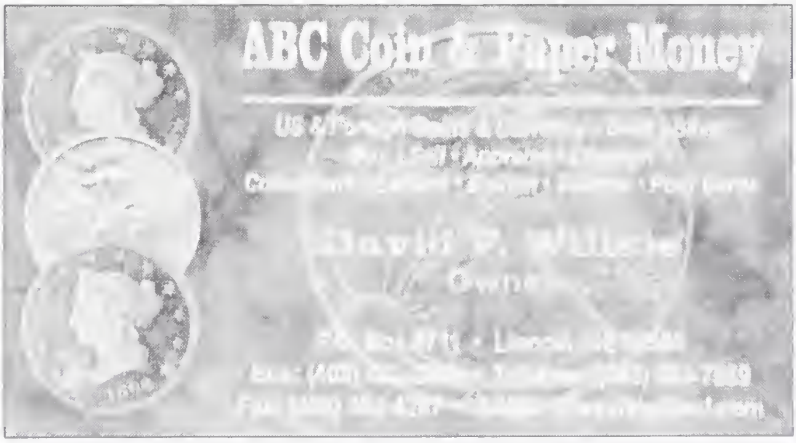

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## Club Directory - Meeting times and locations

Fremont - Fremont Coin Club, 3rd Saturday, The Evangelical Free Church Social Hall, 20th & Lincoln Streets, 7:30 pm.

Grand Island - Grand Island Coin Club, No longer meeting

Kearney - Rumor has it that Kearney has a new coin club. The Journal is awaiting confirmation and club name and location

Lincoln - Lincoln Coin Club, 2nd Thursday, Eastridge Presbyterian Church, 1135 Eastridge Dr. 7:30 pm.

Lincoln - Lincoln Numismatic Society, 1st Thursday, New Victorian Inn, 48th & O St., Lincoln, NE 7:30 pm.

Nebraska City - Nebraska City Coin Club, 4th Tuesday, @ the Burger King S 77 Hwy, 7:00 pm

North Platte - The North Platte Coin Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the North Platte Senior Center, 900 East 10th, North Platte For information contact: Loren Shimmin (308) 532-9622

Omaha - Omaha Coin Club, 3rd Friday, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office, 8015 West Center Road. 7:30 pm. YN's 7:00 pm.

Omaha - SAC/Midwest Coin Club, 1st Tuesday, Denny's Restaurant, 84th & I-80, 7:00 pm.

South Sioux City - Siouxland Coin Club, write for information, 901 S. Cecelia, Sioux City, Iowa, 51106

Seward - Nebraska Token Collectors Club, 2nd Sunday, Cattle National Bank, 2:00 pm.

Wahoo - Wahoo Coin Club, 1st Saturday, Saunders County Historical Museum, 240 N. Walnut, 7:30 pm.

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